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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF KING'S ABDICATION STATEMENT RELEASED TO MEDIA AUGUST 24 IN ROME: BEGIN QUOTE. FROM THE MOMENT THAT I WAS INFORMED OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF EVENTS AT HOME, MY MIND WAS UP UNTIL NOW PREOCCUPIED WITH THE ACTUAL STATE AND FUTURE OF OUR COUNTRY.

WHEN I DISCOVERED, HOWEVER, THAT THE PEOPLE OF AFGHANISTAN HAVE UNANIMOUSLY WELCOMED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A REPUBLICAN REGIME AS THEIR FUTURE FORM OF GOVERNMENT, I REACHED THE DECISION TO ABIDE BY THE WISHES OF THE PEOPLE AND TO INFORM YOU, AS A CONSEQUENCE, WITH REFERENCE TO A LETTER ALREADY TRANSMITTED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC, THAT I HAVE ABDICATED.

IN THE SINCERE AND CONSTANT HOPE FOR THE FUTURE PROGRESS AND PROSPERITY OF MY BELOVED COUNTRY, I NOW PLACE MYSELF, AS AN AFGHAN CITIZEN, UNDER THE AFGHAN FLAG. I PRAY TO THE ALMIGHTY EVER TO PROTECT MY BELOVED COUNTRY AND MY COUNTRYMEN. END QUOTE. VOLPE

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